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REGISTERED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Milton C. Neilson
President
Minerals West, Inc.
P.O. Box 277
Monticello, Utah 84535

RE: Tentative Approval
MiVida Mine
ACT/037/028

Dear Mr. Neilson:

During the Executive Session of the Utah Board of Oil, Gas and Mining, held on August 23, 1979, the Board concurred with the Division's recommendation to issue tentative approval to the Mining and Reclamation Plan submitted by Minerals West, Inc. for the MiVida Mine. Included, as you know, are the McCormic Drift and the Expectation Canyon operation. Therefore, the Division hereby issues tentative approval to the same.

An abbreviated version of the Mining and Reclamation Plan will be published one time only as specified in Section 40-8-13 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act to solicit public comment.

As required by Section 40-8-14 of the Act the Division has estimated reclamation surety for the three sites included in the Mining and Reclamation Plan to be \$15,312.00. A copy of the surety estimate is enclosed for your reference. Please contact the Division within thirty (30) days as to an acceptable form of surety. As required in 40-8-14(3) of the Act the Board will have to approve the form of surety.